A Word in Season About Holiday Gifts.

Practical Instructions for the Making of Pretty and Useful Presents-'Herchief Bags and Workbags.



soon be filling the minds of women, and this problem will require speedy solution if one wishes to enjoy to the utmost the holiday season. There is nothing more tiresome than to be obliged at the last mingue to rush around and buy one's gifts, spending more than one can well afford when by the exercise of a little forethought money and strength can be saved. Hegin in time; plan your work; look over your materials in hand; buy judiciously, and then go to work and make-bags, for they never come amiss. No matter how many one has, a new one is always acceptable.

One proxty bag, a suitable present for a child or its mother, is to be used for handkerchiefs and is made as follows: Cut two round pieces of pasteboard about seven inches in diameter and cut wadding the exact size, using two layers and says that her "chief claim to disfor the inside of the bug. wadding sprinkle sachet powder. Then lay the disks of wadding upon one of the pieces of pasteboard and hold them in place by covering the circle with ble of writing a fine novel, turning it cheese cloth. Cover the other circle into a good play, and then acting the with pale pink satin, of which the bag leading role to the delight of all beis made. This pink satin is very Collecte holders. She is young and passing fair looking when the white roses procured at a milliner's) encircle it.

The strip (just long enough to go around the circle) is turned over at the top to form a hem, at the lower edge of which a casing should be made by stitching the hem around twice on the machine, using pale pink sewing silk. In the casing put two white silk cords to who smoke. Such receptacles are not draw up the bag. Then sew the strip to always ornamental in a room, but here the lower pasteboard used for the bot- is one that is. It is designed to be hung tom and afterward insert the scented circle, catching it in place with invisible | board as wide or a trifle wider than a stitches. Turning it right side out again, catch the roses all around the base of the bag, and the bag is done. I don't think any of my readers have a lady friend who would not be pleased to receive one of these dainty handkerchief bags.

Cut a round piece of wood six inches in diameter and cover one side with a is placed, painted black and set on two itial in satin stitch, with yellow silk; the | cigar box which is to be set on it. back of the board is neatly covered with the same as other material. Around one-half of the board, forming a semi- Before the outside dries sprinkle the eircle, are a number of small brass screw the sides with bird gravel; let it dry on: books about an inch apart, from which hang small bags, each 4 by 5 inches and On the shelf above the box a water color prettily worked in odd letters with yellow silk, white thread, linen thread, rest of it down to the bottom of the colored thread, silk twist, pearl buttons, | board is gilded. A few dashes of black hooks and eyes or anything you desire. In each bag put a drawing cord of silk. Hang the board by a large brass ring, hidden under a huge bow of yellow ribbon at the top. These bags are very convenient, and may be made of almost any material.

For a fanbag purchase one yard and a half of No. 9 ribbon. Cut this in two and join lengthwise by a double row of small brass rings covered with embroidery silk the color of the ribbon. A single row of these rings borders each of the inner edges of the ribbon to within two inches of the ends of the ribbon which are to be fringed. This is doubled in the center and the sides joined. Ribbons are run through the rings at the top from either side, leaving them long enough to slip over the arm. Serviceable and pretty little workbags

are made by using for a foundation one of the small oblong baskets-about 4 by 6 inches-to be found at almost any shop where Japanese goods are kept. For the upper part of the bag procure two yards of dark yellow ribbon, No. 9, and ten yards of the same color a few shades lighter. Then cut these in twelve strips of equal length and join altogether. After they are all joined a hem 254 inches deep is turned and finished with two rows of stitching one inch apart. The other edge is finished with a very parrow hem and fastened to the basket with invisible stitches. Ribbons run through the casing finish the bag.

Another pretty hag is made of two pieces of chamots, each 5 by 6 inches which are painted around the edges with clover blossoms and leaves. The designs on the two pieces should be similar, but not exactly the same A piece of india or china silk, matching The Fiekle Pashions Which Dictate the the green of the clover leaf, four inches wide and one yard long, is gathered and connects the two pieces of chamois slong the sides and across the bottom se a puff. A straight piece of silk six skies it is a 'flower of an hour," folding inches deep and the width of the lag is sewed to the bag. A hem two inches deep is turned with two rows of stitching for the ribbons which are green,

matching the silk. Still another lively bag is made of two shades of No. 12 old rose satin ribben, one and two-thirds of a yard of each being used. The ribbons are cut into strips of ten inches and oversewed together, alternating the light and the dark. A bottom for the bag is made by covering a round piece of pastels and with wad-ding sprinkled with suchet powder, and then covering both sides with old rose silk. The ribbon is narrowly hemmed on one side and sewed to the pasteboard. The top is hommed and has a wide ruffle of wift lace and draw strings of narrow GENERATE WILLETT.

A POPULAR STORY WRITER,

A Fair Tennesseean Who Has Won Fame as an Actress and a Writer.

Miss Viola Rosebore is a Temperassan by birth and Hueage, but she has lived stamens that stands in the beautiful Richs in her mative state, having, as she , brown center of the flower; but in its admits, being "brought up all over the adventurous life with no, where it escountry." She removed to Now York capes from gardens, it varies with the along ten years ago. Mass Resolvers was | weather, and as a rimekseper is no more on the stage for three years and was suc- | to be trusted than a four-o'clock.

FOR THE YULE TIDE | cessful, but literature held the first place to her affections and lured her from the

Fur five years she has been writing for magazines and newspapers. She has done a wide variety of newspaper work with marked brilliancy and adaptability. but her most enduring renown has been TAKE TIME BY THE FORELOCK gained by her short stories. Most of these have appeared in The Century, and will be recalled as possessing outstall originality and grace. She shifts her scenes at will, and is as much at home in partraying life in a New York "flat" as she is when she gives the "simple annals of the Tennessee backwoods

Miss Roseborn loves New York city passionately and hopes to make it her home, but just at present is living in cinating and dramatic

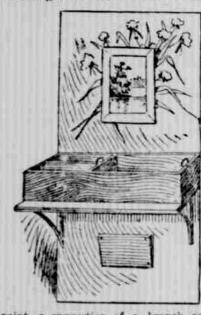


She is modest, as is all true worth, Upon the tinction is the fact that she is not contemplating writing either a novel or a play." This is to be regretted, as it is quite certain that she is splendidly capato see. Her face is strong as well as beautiful, and in social life she is engaging, stimulating and entertaining. MEL R. COLQUITT.

A Convenience for Smokers.

A box to hold burned matches and cigar ashes is a great convenience to those on the wall, and the foundation is a cigar box and twice as long. This is covered with rough drawing paper tacked on after being dampened with a sponge and water. It shrinks slightly in drying, and so dries perfectly smooth over the board. Somewhat below the center of the board a shelf of thin wood which embroider a monogram or in- is a little wider than the width of a

The box is covered inside and out with a coat of asphalt varnish, which is black. scene is painted on the paper, and the



paint-a suggestion of a branch and leaves on either side of the paintingwill relieve the plain gold, and the front and sides of the black varnished box are similarly dashed with a few streaks of gold. Under the box a little square of black emery paper is tacked against the on the other side. gold background to scratch matches on. If desired the box may be partitioned off into several places-one to hold cigars, one for good matches and one for the ashes and burned matches. This last may contain a tray with straps to lift it out easily when it needs to be ASSIR ISABEL WILLIS. emptied.

THE FLOWER OF THE HOUR.

Pavorite Plower. By (Hibiscus trionum) claims the title,

A pretty member of the mallow famand probably at home under Italian



its Naples yellow petals promptly over the family ensign-a column of united

Other flowers also have their hour, and the favor that makes them the fashion of the day is fickle as our skim of cloud and sunshine. "Dear little buttercup" was spilled on for one brief sunny hour; then the sunflower rose and all lesser lights went out during its brilliant reign Goldenrod, exeye daises and chrysan themums each had then day, and still linger in the twilight of appreciation. Haughty orchid for awhile sat queen, but her homage was short lived, and now the taste for aggressive size and form and gorgeous color gives place to a finer and more delicate choice, and we find airy sweet peas hovering like but-

terflies in the social sunshine. Mignonette has so long been held up as the symbol of "moral worth without external beauty" that if it were capable Ohio, in close attendance on her dearly of being anything else than its own loved mother, who is an invalid. The sweet self it would be a prig, but the Century company has just brought out | soft brown spike simply keeps on poura volume of her stories called "Old ing out fragrance from all its little Ways and New." They are clover, fas censers till the air is filled with healthful, stimulating odors that are good for body and soul.

Flowers, especially fragrant flowers, owe half their charm to association. Sometimes the association is so pleasant it almost of itself gives fragrance to the flower; and, again, a perfume will throw a charm over an hour that would otherwise be unrecorded, for few things clinch the memory to the time like the subtle sweetness of perfume.



Another old garden flower-the nasturtium-that had almost died out of remembrance came back a few years ago on a wave of popularity and still holds its place. The flower, in form and color "like a golden helmet pierced through and stained with blood" and guarded by a shield shaped leaf, was thus described by Parkinson a hundred years ago: "It is of so great beauty and sweetness withal that my garden of delight cannot be unfurnished of it, and again the whole flower hath a fine small scent very pleasing."

A few flowers are universal; roses, lilies and violets need no election to their sweet office, nor has any generation dared to throw aside the carnation. These inherit their pre-eminence, and their nobility is something more than the fancy of the hour.

With the advent of each new floral favorite comes the question of our national flower. What shall it be? Among all our native plants does any more truly symbolize our nation than the sturdy sunflower, whose broad smile covers our piece of coarse linen, in the center of fancy black iron brackets. This shelf land from ocean to ocean? Bold and strong, it holds up its head "without fear and without reproach," for there is no deceit in its open heart, and its gen-erous gold is without alloy.

The mayflower has some claim, in that it is held to be our one historical flower, but even if Nova Scotia had not already appropriated it as her own emblem it is, with all its dainty grace, hardly a suitable accompaniment to our eagle, to whom the sunflower would be a fit com-

Indeed it would seem, so far as the voice of the people has been heard, that our national flower must come from the group so familiar to all of us, which Bryant has set in his lines: Then on the hill the goldenrod, the aster in the

wood, The yellow sunflower by the brook, in autum

beauty stood. Goldenrod has received many votes, and there is much to be said in its favor. A handsome flower, soft and gracious, though lacking in that decision which gives the sunflower such a personal character-a genuine American-for, while the plant is quite rare in other countries, our species are almost countless and prodigal in growth, equally at home on mountain, prairie or coast. Sojourners by the sea will find miles of goldenrod along the border that has a a deeper dye than usual, even in this rich colored blossom, and there is one white flowered species that prefers the rocky banks of streams.

MARGARET E. HOUSTON.

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